

To whom it may concern:

I am responding to the proposed Microsoft settlement in accordance with the Tunney Act. I was someone who has been an IT professional for the past seven years it disturbs me to learn that the proposed settlement will have no real affect on Microsoft and will not restore competition. It is imperative that a settlement to restrain Microsoft include:

1. The required publishing of API's, file formats, and other protocols to all developers. This is the only way to truly give independent software companies the ability to compete with Microsoft.
2. Protection to OEM's that wish to load competitive software on their systems. This will allow OEM's to install the software that customers want.
3. Full pricing disclosure from Microsoft on how much it charges OEM's for its products. This will allow consumers to make informed choices as to which products are the most cost effective solution.

Thank you for your time.



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